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NOW IT IS OUR TURN

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A German, in a back room somewhere, drew up a program of the war as it was to be.

France was to be sent sprawling with one blow of the fat fist.

Then clumsy Russia was to be subdued.

After that, haughty England, and then, bumptious America.

A German picked out the pretext for the war.

A German whispered to Austria the words which made conflict inevitable.

A German ordered the invasion of Belgium.

A German sighted the torpedo at the "Lusitania."

The Germans claimed all of the early privileges in the present controversy.

Now we (that is, the Allies) in all humbleness, calling attention to the fact that we were somewhat ignored at the beginning of the performance, claim just one right, or privilege, or inning, or whatever you choose to call it.

To even accounts and balance the books, the Allies should be permitted to name the date on which the war is to end.

Be fair, Germany, and grant us this one small favor; you, who have reveled in the initiative.

And for goodness sake, don't hurry us!

Don't be offering suggestions as to peace terms.

Can't you see that we are busy?

With our hands on our hearts, we assure you that, in due time and proper season, the last shot will be fired and the long peace will be inaugurated.

We are just as anxious for it as you are.

Be reasonable!

The war will terminate just as soon as you are licked to a frazzle!

George Ade